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E. O. 11652:GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PINT, EXO  
SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES: MANCHAM ON THE COUP

1. EMBASSY OFFICER HAS SPOKEN SEVERAL TIMES BY PHONE  
WITH JIMMY MANCHAM SINCE NEWS OF THE SEYCHELLES COUP  
BROKE HERE EARLY THIS A.M. MANCHAM IS DISTRESSED AND  
STILL TRYING TO SORT OUT THE FACTS AND HIS OWN REACTIONS.  
HE WILL MEET WITH THE PRESS SOMETIME TODAY. IN  
CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICER (WHO HAS KNOWN  
MANCHAM FOR SEVERAL YEARS) THE EX-PRESIDENT MADE THE  
FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. MANCHAM HAS TRIED TO KEEP SEYCHELLES OUT OF BIG  
POWER POLITICS BUT THE WEST HAS LET HIM DOWN. THE WEST'S  
WEAK SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA INVITED THE LEFT  
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WING COUP. THE SOVIETS ARE MOVING IN AFRICA AND THE  
INDIAN OCEAN ALMOST AT WILL BECAUSE THE US LACKS RESOLVE.  
"THE BASTARDS OPENED THEIR EMBASSY IN VICTORIA TWO  
DAYS BEFORE I LEFT."

3. THE MANCHAM GOVERNMENT WAS DEMOCRATICALLY AND  
CONSTITUTIONALLY ELECTED. UNLESS AMERICA SPEAKS FORCE-

FULLY AGAINST THE COUP IT WILL MAKE A MOCKERY OF ITS  
DEVOTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. MANCHAM WENT ALONG WITH A COALITION GOVERNMENT AT  
THE URGING OF THE BRITISH. HE HAS NOW BEEN DOUBLE  
CROSSED BY THEM AND BY RENE'.

5. THE COUP FORCES WILL ONLY HAVE CONTROL OF MAHE' ISLAND  
MANCHAM MAY ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AND HIS  
GOVERNMENT IN ONE OF THE OTHER ISLANDS. (HE MENTIONED  
ALDABRA OR, ON SECOND THOUGHT PRASLIN). HE WILL LOOK  
TO THE SUDAN AND PERHAPS SAUDI ARABIA FOR ASSISTANCE.

6. COMMENT: BY THE CLOSE OF THE LAST CONVERSATION  
MANCHAM SEEMS AT LEAST OPEN TO THE ARGUMENT THAT HIS  
ATTENTION IS MISPLACED IF HE SEEKS TO BLAME THE US FOR  
THE COUP. HIS REMARKS ABOUT AN OUTER-ISLAND GOVERNMENT  
HAD MORE THE TONE OF DESPERATION THAN DETERMINATION.  
MANCHAM'S LAST COMMENT, ACCOMPANIED BY IRONIC LAUGHTER,  
WAS, "I MAY HAVE TO ASK FOR ASYLUM IN THE US. MAYBE I  
CAN GO INTO THE PUBLIC RELATIONS BUSINESS."

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